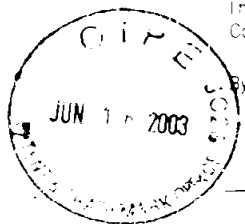


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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Examiner's Action in this application, mailed on February 14, 2003, and having an original period for response of 3 months, which expired on May 14, 2003, be extended by one month, such that it expires on June 14, 2003.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the amount of \$110.00, as stated under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

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